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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF CROSSING LVWD  
1277 GUARDS IN REPORTING MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS.

Sponsor: BOST, Carroll, Moholland, Macomber  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have allowed a school crossing guard to report moving violations.

LD RESOLVE, TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE LVWD  
1308 ALTERNATIVE USES FOR THE AUGUSTA TO TOPSHAM  
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. EMERGENCY

Sponsor: DOW, Cahill, Dellert, Chonko  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have established a commission to examine alternative uses for the Augusta to Topsham railroad right-of-way.

LD AN ACT TO EQUALIZE TRUCK WEIGHTS ON ALL MAINE LVWD  
1325 ROADS.

Sponsor: MITCHELL  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have eliminated the weight tolerance allowance for truck loads of special commodities and established a uniform axle load limit for commercial loads consistent with Federal Aid Highway Act standards.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITY OF PL 1987  
1334 RAILROADS. c. 464

Sponsor: DOW, Moholland, McPherson  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-177 COMMITTEE  
S-272 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The original bill requires that every railroad company with a line passing through waste or forest land shall submit to the Bureau of Forestry a plan for the clearance of materials that may cause a fire hazard by November 1 of each year.  
Committee amendment "A" (S-177) added a definition section, a compliance section, an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.  
Senate amendment "A" to Committee Amendment A (S-272), as

enacted, deleted the appropriation that was added in the committee amendment.

LD 1396 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,500,000 TO MATCH AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY, BRIDGE AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AND TO REDUCE GROUND WATER POLLUTION RESULTING FROM THE STORAGE OF STATE AND MUNICIPALLY-OWNED HIGHWAY MATERIALS. P&SL 1987 c. 66

Sponsor: Whitcomb, Dow, Cahill, Macomber  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-203 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original bill allocates and appropriates \$26,500,000 from the sale of Highway Fund and General Fund bonds, which will be used to match available federal funds for highway, bridge, and airport improvements and to reduce ground water pollution by covering sand and salt piles used by municipalities and the state for the maintenance of safe road conditions.

Committee amendment "A" (H-203), as enacted, decreases the amount dedicated for sand and salt pile covering, adds an amount for the DOT Underground Storage Tank Program, and adds a fiscal note.

LD 1397 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE. PL 1987 c. 428

Sponsor:  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-204 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill implements those recommendations of the Social Services Transportation Review Committee which do not require a state appropriation. They include:

1. A change in the planning requirements to a biennial plan;
2. An expansion of the authority of the Bureau of Transportation Services to provide technical assistance;
3. Authority for the division to act as mediator and final arbitrator of disputes over service fees;
4. A requirement that the social service agencies work with transportation providers in developing new services which will require a transportation component;
5. Deletes the requirement for the Commissioner of Transportation to appoint an advisory committee; and